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"RED FLAG" AT TRADITIONAL CEREMONY.

"FIVE ITALIAN OPERA MARIONNETTES."

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 9. Immediately Mr. J. H. Whitley, the Speaker, took the chair in the House of Commons in readiness to summon the House of Lords and hear the Royal Assent to the Speaker's election, the Labourites of the backbenches began to whistle the "Red Flag." They ceased, however, in response to sharp cries of order. The ceremony of the Lords was carried out in the time-honoured fashion.

Jack Jones was heard muttering throughout the proceedings and subsequently tried vainly to raise a point of order in the Commons. He alleged that the House had insulted him. He vouchsafed "no explanation" but it is understood that he was aggrieved because there was only a handful of Peers present during the ceremony.

Miss Jewson was conspicuous in the Labour benches wearing a brown velour hat and a multi-coloured scarf though the other women Labourites decided to continue hatless.

JONES' SARCASM OF THE LORDS.

When leaving the House of Commons, Jack Jones explained that he made a protest because he was a Constitutionalist while the Lords were not. Though the Lords were always talking about constitution, Jones protested: there were a hundred Commoners being received in the House of Lords by only "Five marionettes from the Italian Opera," whereas it was the duty of the Lords to receive the Commons in decent numbers: Jones' reference was to five Commissioners in red ermine cloaks and black cocked hats.

MISS BONDFIELD—"OUR MAGGIE."

During the process of swearing in the new Commoners this afternoon, the ceremonies were much enlivened by the chaff and comment of the Labourites. Of the Women Labourites, Lady Terington was heartily cheered; Miss Lawrence was greeted by cries of "Good old East London." Miss Margaret Bondfield walked up to the loud cry of "Our Maggie."

OBITUARY.

DR. WACE, DEAN OF CANTERBURY.

LONDON, January 9.

The death took place to-day of Dr. Wace, Dean of Canterbury.

[The Very Rev. Henry Wace, D.D., was Dean of Canterbury since 1903. He was born in London in 1836 and after receiving his education at Marlborough, Rugby and King's College, London, gained his B.A. degree at Oxford (Brasenose). He was Ordained Curate at St. Luke's Berwick Street from 1861 to 1863 and from there went to St. James's, Piccadilly, for six years, then to Grosvenor Chapel until 1872. He delivered Boyle Lectures, Bampton Lectures and in 1866 was appointed Warburton Lecturer at Lincoln's Inn. Between 1880 and 1910 he was Select Preacher at Oxford and Cambridge and during that period was made Professor of Ecclesiastical History at King's College, Prebendary of St. Paul's, Principal of King's College, London, Chaplain of Lincoln's Inn, Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill and Chaplain of the Inns of Court R.V. In 1921 he was distinguished by the granting of freedom of the city of Canterbury to him. As an author and editor, Dr. Wace was editor in conjunction with Sir William Smith of the Dictionary of Christian Biography, Literature, Sects and Doctrines during the First Eight Centuries. Dr. Wace has published many religious works, his most recent one (1922) being the Story of the Passion.]

PROF. BASIL L. GILDERSLEEVE.

BALTIMORE, January 9.

Prof. B. L. Gildersleeve, of the John Hopkins University, Baltimore, died to-day. Reuter's American Service.

[Professor Gildersleeve was an eminent Greek scholar, philologist and author of many authentic works on Greek grammar. He was born in 1831 and earned the degrees of Ph.D., LL.D., Hon. D. Lit., Oxford and Cambridge. He was founder and editor of the American Journal of Philology.]

RUSSIAN COMMUNISM.

RIGA, January 10.

Many leaders of the Central Communist Committee are advocating the cessation of attacks on Trotsky, emphasising the necessity of preserving unity at all costs. Nevertheless Pravda is continuing the campaign. Pravda states that Krestinsky, the Soviet representative at Berlin, joined in opposition to the Central Committee.

"DANGEROUS MAN."

SIX YEARS AND THE "CAT."

"You are a dangerous man," the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies) informed a Chinese named Cheung Wah who pleaded guilty at the Criminal Sessions this morning to the unlawful possession of two daggers at Kowloon City.

The evidence indicated that when arrested the prisoner was about to commit a crime with another man, who got away and that when an attempt was made to search him he snatched and threw away a policeman's whistle.

The Lordship imposed sentence of six years' imprisonment with hard labour and twelve strokes of the cat.

His Lordship imposed sentence of

GERMAN CREWS ON STRIKE.

SHIPS' HELP UP.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, January 9.

The German steamer held up at Victoria Docks owing to the strike of the crew is the Hamburg-Amerika "Frankenwald" which arrived on Christmas Day. Officials of the new Stevedores and Lightermen's Union visited the "Frankenwald" to-day to ascertain whether there were any members of the union handling the cargo and if so, to order them to join the strike immediately. They retired, however, when they found that the cargo handlers belonged to the Transport Workers Union. German pickets at Hull awaited the arrival of the steamer "Herbert Fischer" from Germany and induced the crew of nineteen to join the strike. As a result of negotiations between the Seamen and Firemen's Union at Hull and agents of the German steamer "Neptune" the latter agreed to pay the crew the British maritime rate from January 3 and accepted all conditions of the Maritime Board.

FLOODS REACH ROUEN.

FUND FOR SEINE SUFFERERS.

PARIS, January 9.

Although the Seine river is falling slowly, the outlook is not too promising for a spell of damper weather has returned. Meanwhile, the situation in Paris and the suburbs is much the same. The maximum height of the flood has now reached Rouen where the quays are flooded. At a meeting of Deputies representing departments of the Seine, Seine-Oise and Seine-Marne, it was decided to introduce a Bill opening a credit 30,000,000 francs for sufferers and victims of the floods and to create a Permanent Group of Deputies of the three departments to safeguard Paris against any recurrence of the disaster.

FRANCE'S APPROVAL.

MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD'S VIEWS.

PARIS, January 9.

Mr. Ramsay Macdonald's expression of friendship for France has created a favourable impression. The *Temps* says: "We shall do full justice to Mr. Macdonald's expressed intentions and hope that he will do justice to those of France." The *Journal Des débats* states that if Mr. Macdonald perseveres in the sentiments he has expressed, he will meet with the greatest of gratitude from France which is ready to discard mutual recriminations and build up a sound policy. *La Liberté*, the organ of the Extreme Right thinks that Mr. Macdonald's idyllic language smacks of an 1848 savour. "The illusions of 1848 only benefited Bismarck of Prussia," the journal states "beware of meus."

ATLANTIC GALE.

FRANCE'S COAST BAFFLED.

PARIS, January 9.

The Atlantic coast is in the grip of a gale which is accompanied by an exceptionally high tide practically amounting to a tidal wave. The whole coast from Brest to Biarritz is strewn with wreckage.

The quays are wrecked, houses flooded, fishing boats sunk and many fishermen are missing. The tremendous rush of water at La Rochelle was accompanied by a slight earthquake. Contents of the houses were washed away ruthlessly and considerable damage has been done.

JAPANESE SHIP ABANDONED.

"KYOSEI MARU'S" CREW SAVED.

PARIS, January 9.

The steamer "Kyosei Maru" which left Seattle on January 5, has been abandoned. The crew has been taken off by the American steamer "President McKinley."

AMERICAN'S GENEROSITY.

BRUSSELS, January 9.

A Detroit industrial magnate, Mr. Raphael Hermann, has given a million dollars to establish an International University at Brussels.



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Hongkong, 9th January, 1924.

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FARES FOR PUBLIC VEHICLES.

The fare prescribed for public vehicles are as follows:—

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Ten minutes..... 10 "
Quarter hour..... 15 "
Half hour..... 20 "
One hour..... 30 "
Every subsequent hour..... 30 "
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For 2 or 3 drivers the fare is double or triple respectively.

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Quarter hour..... 20 "
Half hour..... 30 "
One hour..... 40 "

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One hour..... 35 "..... 60 "
Every subsequent hour..... 35 "..... 40 "

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Ten minutes..... 15 cents..... 30 cents
Quarter hour..... 20 "..... 40 "
Half hour..... 30 "..... 60 "
One hour..... 40 "..... 80 "
Every subsequent hour..... 35 "..... 50 "

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J. Button Hongkong Club, from Shanghai.

Yin Yip Chung Ching Street, West Point, from Tientsin.

Wen Ching 231, Queen's Road, from Macao.

Uplifted, from Amoy.

Tin Loo 283, Queen's Road, from Shanghai.

0889, from Shanghai.

Kwong Loong Man Mow Mow, from Shanghai.

N. LUND, Act. Superintendent.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1923.

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List of unclaimed telegrams lying in E. E. Telegraph Office, Hongkong.

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Silken Hose Song.

Poetical minds all over France are excited at the prospect of winning a novel competition which is now being held and is arousing a great deal of interest.

At Sangas, in the Heralia Department, a handsome prize is being offered for the best set of verses written to a pair of silk stockings!

It is a custom in the heart of the silken hose industry to award this prize each year, and the result generally has been some really fine pieces of poetry—all written about silk stockings.

The competition is open to all Europe, and budding English poets might even have a try if they can think suitable poetry in French.

A Profiteering Story.

Lady Warwick, addressing a labouring meeting at Leamington, said that her son, who was in the Flying Corps, was dining with his comrades at a Birmingham hotel during the war, and at another table was a party of war profiteers, their wives covered with diamonds and the table laden with champagne. The host got up and asked them to drink "to the war, and damn the peace."

Her boy and his comrades went and stood over the man, and said, "Apologise this instant." The man tried to get the waiters and others to come to his assistance, but none would come near him, and he had to apologise.

In B Flat Minor.

Don't sing that song again, my love, about the "Falling Dew." You've sung it now until you've made me feel a little blue; On the old T.P. piano, as your fingers lightly stray.

I am thinking of instalments, and the man will call to-day.

"Yes"—

I'll be just—I will readily give his due—

He has one virtue rare I can say, I have never yet noticed him bawling the fact;

That he "has no bananas to-day."

—"Vadis."

The Last Straw.

Six months ago he stole my wife. My heart was filled with pain; I vowed that I would kill him, If we should meet again.

Last night I had my vengeance, I gave him such a crack!

I shot him dead upon the spot.

BECAUSE HE BROUGHT HER BACK.

—MR. DIABLE.

The Ocean Epic.

Petro cargo, Forward hatch. Careless sailor Strikes match.

Fire! Fire! Holy Moses! Captain yells, "Get hoses!"

Crew pump Like deuce. All night. "No use."

Roaring furnace, Mighty deep; Hopeless dawn. Ladies weep.

Woman's tears, Waterspout. Thank Heavens! Fire out!

Play Royalties.

The famous librettist, W. S. Gilbert, sold his first play for £30. Later from one play alone, Pygmalion and Galatea, he obtained the princely sum of £50,000. Royalties from other plays, such as The Mikado must have ranged even higher than this. Sir Arthur Pinero accepted a set of shirt studs, not jewelled, for Two Hundred A Year. For Toto's Cat Play in That Game, a farce, he was paid £5, £40,000 from the earnings of Sweet Lavender compares very favourably with the £50 he received from Sir—then Mr. Henry Irving for his third venture, Daly's Escape.

Blood and Fire.

He was known as "Rags" Whaler, the Bottle-o. One day he won "A Gentleman's Complete reguine Outfit."

Throwing away his old clothes he strutted round in his new attire for fully a week.

When Cohen of the pawnshop began to get quite a lot of him. First the Stelson went. Then in quick succession followed the patient boots, the silk shirt, the coat, and finally the waistcoat.

"Ven are yer goin' ter pawn the trousers?" asked Cohen one day.

"Can't he did," said "Rags" gloomily, "aven't got any others fer wear."

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Crusaders in the Abbey.

The service in Westminster Abbey of the Noble Order of Crusaders which the Duke of York attended was an amazing affair. The Order, with its parade of high-sounding names and array of curious symbols, is a new and growing secret society—as secret as Freemasonry. Its members are dedicated to some kind of "social service," and that is all that is known about it. It has already been compared, in the absence of knowledge, to the Fascists and the Ku Klux Klan—almost certainly quite unfairly. Its rise is another symptom of the popularity of brotherhoods with their own esoteric ritual which is one mark of the post-war world.

The N.L.C. Portraits.

Unanimously and silently the appropriate committee of the National Liberal Club decided once more to hang on the walls of the club the portraits of Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Winston Churchill. Mr. Churchill's portrait has never been hung in the club before. It was received only about the time when the Coalition Liberal secession took place, and as a matter of fact the club was then in exile at the Westminster Palace Hotel as a result of a decision of Mr. Lloyd George's Government to take over for Government purposes the historic building of the club. But Mr. Lloyd George's portrait used to hang on the mantelpiece at the river end of the吸烟室, one of the two most prominent places in the club.

Both portraits have now been hung in the smoking-room, but on a side wall on either side of the entrance to the dining-room. There was no ceremony or display about it.

Dance of Death.

Some years ago while working on a sheep station near Ballarat I was invited to a dance at a neighbouring station. The musicians were tuning up, and the M.C. had taken the floor when a messenger appeared with a telegram for the boss. It contained the news of the death of the boss's brother that afternoon. Of course the dance was off. The boss, not wishing to spoil things altogether, told us we could hold the hop in a month's time. When the month was up we lined up again. Just as the guests were about to get into their stride word was received of the death of another of the boss's brother in W.A. The dance was put off for another month. When that period had expired an apprehensive lot of guests assembled. The boss had been ill for about a week, and though confined to his bed, nothing serious was feared. At about eight o'clock he took a bad turn, and just as the revels were about to commence, he died. The dance was canceled for ever. "Wang."

DOCTORED SNAKE.

Sitting near the front of my home near Whitton (N.S.W.) I saw a large black snake gliding in the front door. Rushed inside, but could find no trace of the reptile. About three weeks later my wife cut her finger and went to the medicine chest for some iodine. I lifted the lid and found the snake inside dead. Noticing it looked rather fat I opened it up and discovered two reels of cotton, one bottle of iodine, two pairs of tweezers, two empty medicine bottles, two dozen corks and one packet of needles. I must have closed the lid when I was searching. S.E.Y.

No Return Ticket.

Saw a dead snake recently in an auger hole in a fence post; through which passed a barb wire. Having got partly through, it had evidently found the hole too small. Its retreat was prevented by the barb of the wire catching under its scales.

Mallet.

Snake v. Kookaburra.

Came across a kookaburra recently in an exhausted condition. I found a green snake had coiled round his body and neck and was strangling him. After being rescued, old Jack flew away to a tree, shook himself, and cackled. Guess he'll be more careful where he dines next time.—Viking."

Australian.

The old Maori wasn't much at work. "Too bad, Hor!" said the old Maori. "I thought you had more ginger in you." "That all right, boss," said Horl, cheerfully, "my kind to preserved ginger."

Towards the close of the cricket season, an all-day match was contested between the winners of two competitions. The visiting team played one man short. When he was telling the story of the game, a player was asked: "But didn't they give you a substitute?"

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INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY the 10th January 1924, at 5 p.m.

The purposes for which the Meeting is called are:

(a) To confirm the following resolutions passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 12th December 1923.

I. That the Rules of Racing made by the Hongkong Jockey Club be amended by adding after Rule No. 11 the following:

II. After the Annual Race Meeting 1924 a China Pony is a horse measuring 13 hands 3 inches and under.

2. That the said Rules of Racing be amended by striking out Rule No. 77 and substituting the following:

77. The weight for China Ponies shall be 140 pounds for 12 hands with an additional 3 pounds for every complete inch above that height. Fractions of an inch to count in favour of the Pony. Any Pony measuring 14 hands (fractions of an inch to count in favour of the Pony) and under shall be eligible to compete at the Annual Race Meeting in 1924 in any race reserved for China Ponies. After the Annual Race Meeting in 1924, any China Pony which measures over 13 hands 3 inches, to be ineligible to compete in any race reserved for China Ponies (fractions of an inch over 13 hands 3 inches not to count).

77a. After the Annual Race Meeting 1924 the Stewards may refuse to accept the entry of any Pony which in their opinion is not a China Pony. They may, at their discretion, appoint a Committee of Inspection. The Stewards' decision shall be final.

3. That Rule No. 34 of the Rules and Regulations of the Hong Kong Jockey Club be amended to read:

34. The Stewards have power to draw up and settle the programme and fix the date or dates for any Race Meeting.

4. That Rule No. 76 of the Rules of Racing made by the Hong Kong Jockey Club be unchanged.

(b) To propose a resolution adopting the revised Rules and Regulations of the Club as circulated to the Members in which the following new provisions have been made:

1. For the division of the Members of the Club into Voting and Non-Voting or Ordinary Members.

2. For Lady Racing Members.

3. For the increase of the Entrance Fee to the Club.

4. For Visiting Members.

5. For the appointment of a Secretary.

6. For the alteration of the date upon which subscriptions are payable and other minor alterations.

By Order
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 2, 1924.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

THIRD TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON.

SATURDAY, January 12th
at 9.15 p.m.
at the
THEATRE ROYAL.

MAIN EVENT

TEN ROUND LIGHTWEIGHT CONTEST
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CARL BRADLEY SHANK, Nos. 50-52, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, Engineer.

EDWARD DEAN SHANK, Nos. 50-52, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, Architect.

WONG KWOK SHUN, No. 169, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, Banker.

One further Director will be appointed by the Board after allotment.

Bankers:

THE INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

Auditors:

MESSIEURS LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS, Chartered Bank Building, Victoria, Hongkong.

Solicitors:

MESSIEURS WILKINSON & GRIST, No. 9, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong.

Registered Office of the Company:

China Building, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong.

PROSPECTUS.

(a) The recent remarkable developments in building in this Colony have resulted in a demand for labour and building materials that has been unprecedented. Increased costs, consequent upon such demand, necessitate the adoption, where possible, of means whereby not only may labour be saved but materials produced both quickly and economically. This Company is formed mainly for the purpose of providing plaster and gypsum products which are required in the construction of every building from the small house to the largest block of modern offices. "Simplex Plaster," which the Company proposes to manufacture in this Colony, is manufactured by a special process, and is at present only obtainable from abroad, and the Promoters are confident that it can be manufactured here and sold for a price considerably below that which the commodity commands in Hongkong at the present time. This plaster is now extensively used in building in this Colony, and is in fact, as experience has shown, extremely beneficial in the Far East and particularly in Hongkong, for it is impervious to white ants, does not chip owing to damp, and is practically fireproof, remaining unbroken and unaffected by heat unless of a temperature of 230 to 300 degrees centigrade.

(b) The Company has acquired as a going concern that branch of the business of The Chino American Industrial Developing Company, Limited, which has been engaged in the manufacture of "Simplex Plaster." The purchase includes a piece of land of an approximate area of 41,000 square feet situated at Tsan Wan, together with the buildings, plant, machinery and equipment thereon, the machinery being already assembled for the commencement of manufacture. The purchase price will be paid and satisfied by the allotment to The Chino American Industrial Developing Company, Limited, of 15,000 shares of the Company credited as fully paid up. Furthermore the agreement with the Vendors provides that the Vendors will place with the Company all further orders for the supply of plaster required by the Vendors.

The Contract for the acquisition of this business is dated the 4th day of January, 1924, and is made between The Chino American Industrial Developing Company, Limited, of the one part and Denis Henry Blake as Trustee for the Company of the other part. A copy of the Contract can be inspected at the Registered Office of the Company or at the office of the Company's Solicitors.

(c) The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment is seven shares.

(d) No commission or promotion money is being paid by the Company.

(e) The Company will pay the preliminary expenses of and incidental to the formation and floating of the Company down to the time when it becomes entitled to commence business, and the estimated amount thereof is \$5,000.00.

(f) The Articles of Association provide that the qualification of a Director is to be the holding of 500 shares in the Company, and that the remuneration of each of the Directors is to be \$600.00 per annum.

(g) The Directors are interested in the promotion of the Company to the extent only that they or some of them are Directors of other companies with whom the Company may do business.

(h) Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company can be inspected at any time during business hours at the Registered Office of the Company or at the office of the Company's Solicitors.

(i) A copy of the Company's Memorandum of Association is annexed to this Prospectus and forms part of it.

(j) Application for shares should be made upon the Form attached to this Prospectus, and sent to the Company's Bankers together with a remittance of \$2.00 per share, the amount of the deposit.

Where no allotment is made, the deposit will be returned in full, and where the number of shares allotted is less than the number applied for, a proportionate amount of the deposit will be returned.

(k) Prospectuses can be inspected at and Forms of Application obtained from the Company's Bankers, the International Banking Corporation, and at and from the Registered Office of the Company.

Dated the 5th day of January, 1924.

INTIMATIONS.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED & FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company No. 4a, Des Voeux Road, on FRIDAY, 1st February 1924, at 12 O'CLOCK NOON for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday 19th January to Friday 1st February 1924, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

JOHN ARNOLD,

Secretary.

Hongkong, January 8th, 1924.

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INTIMATIONS.

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DRAFT PROGRAMME OF 1924 RACE MEETING.

THE attention of Owners is called to an alteration in the conditions of the eighth race on the first day, the Chater Cup.

The last sentence should read as follows:—"Ponies that have started and never BEEN PLACED in an Official Race allowed 10 lbs."

By Order

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 9th January, 1924.

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"ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1924.

ENTRIES for the FORTHCOMING RACES close on SATURDAY, 19th instant at 3 p.m. and must be sent to the Jockey Club Rooms, 3A, Chater Road on this date.

Entry Forms are now ready and can be had at the Jockey Club Stables, the Jockey Club Rooms (Hongkong Club Annex, Chater Road) or Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Hongkong, 3rd January, 1924.

THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

ANNUAL SPEECH DAY, TUESDAY, January 22, 1924, from 8.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

No invitations are being sent out.

All Parents, Guardians, Old Boys and Friends are invited to attend by this advertisement.

The Hon. Mr. R. H. KOTEWALL (Old Boy) will speak.

There will also be short Speeches by Scholars on Games, Chinese Studies, School History, the New School and possible future developments.

After the speech there will be a display of Physical Drill and Gymnastics.

Term ends on Saturday, January 26.

Next Term begins on Friday, February 22.

New Boys should attend on Thursday, February 21 at 8.30 a.m.

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HONGKONG THURSDAY, JAN. 10, 1924.

WHEN LABOUR RULES.

The rise of the Labour Party is certainly one of the surprises of British politics. A decade or so ago the party was beginning to find its parliamentary feet and to make itself felt as a political force and one to be reckoned with. It has to be reckoned with to-day and in certain quarters this is so apprehended that the suggestion has been made that Liberal and Conservative forces should unite in face of a common enemy and an enemy directed at the well-being not merely of Great Britain but her vast possessions. It seems to us to be the cry of crusted astigmatic minds. Examine the latest utterance of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald and see if there is anything in it that warrants the assumption made. It is brimful of idealism, an idealism that is probably repugnant to such minds as Lord Birkenhead, but we may be thankful that there is this touch of the dreamer in what has been said—this look forward into a future that we would like to believe most fair minded people desire. The opposite to a spirit of idealism on the part of any Labour Party is too awful to contemplate and it is a matter for congratulation that the

power," and must be read and pondered accordingly. The succession to office is not outside the region of possibilities, as matters stand at the present moment, and the matter deserves the attention of all who desire the welfare of the land of our birth. Distant as we are from the scene of conflict, the matter affects us as much as if we were at home—in our trade and commerce and in the method of our oligarchic form of government.

CHARIVARI. For some young ladies we are informed that December 25 was a very merry XXXmas!

Some people think that Australia is a big island with nothing but Kangaroos hopping about. A regular land of Opportunity.

A serious-minded person informs us that he thinks that the goat gland Doctor was afraid to butt in here!

A new arrival enthuses on the courteous attention given to passengers by ships officers. Yes! they treat them in a uniform manner.

The floods in Paris are subsiding—it is good to hear. A general liquidation so to speak.

SOMETHING USEFUL.

A scientist has patented a gramophone record that will preserve speech for 10,000 years.

And now we hope that char will have the nerve

To right an ancient wrong.

By patenting a wife who will preserve

Silence for half as long.

When I asked a young BLUSH girl of Portrush, "What book do you read?" she said "Hush!"

I have happened to chance On a novel from France And I hope it will cause me to blush."

Unity publishes A LEAGUE OF YOUTH. solution adopted by 600 representatives of the German Youth Movement, who met at Hellerau, near Dresden, on August 4, 1923, with representatives from nine European countries and America:

"We send our fellow greetings to the youth of France. We regret very much that representatives of the French youth could not come to Hellerau, and we express the wish that on future occasions French and German young people will co-operate for peace and for a social order.

"We believe that to-day there rests a special responsibility with the French and the German youth for the building up of a new world in the spirit of peaceful co-operation.

"To every kind of violence we will oppose our common effort for peace and a united Europe."

We shall expect CRUSADERS, soon to have someone rushing in and forming a branch of the "Order of Crusaders" whose supreme object is to perpetuate the spirit of comradeship, service, loyalty, and self-sacrifice by means of Brotherhood bound together by a vow. The members recognise one another by signs and passwords, and they hope to establish throughout the Empire a body vowed to honour God, be loyal to King and country and to their better selves, and to help unfortunates, whether Crusaders or not. No underlying menace of organised force is to be used for any purpose, nor, as the Crusade embraces all political creeds, and all sects who recognise the teachings of Christ, could its machinery be used for influencing political or other issues. All British-born subjects are eligible for membership, and the statement that the Order is inimical to Jews is quite untrue, although, as the badge of the Order is the sign of the Cross, a professing Jew would probably not wish to join the Order. The spirit of the Unknown Warrior has been adopted as the Order's first Knight. Thousands of letters are reaching the headquarters of the Order from all parts of the world, expressing a wish to join the Association.

All this sounds very high falutin', and when it is seen that Crusaders wear a uniform as of one-one to slay a dragon and release a hapless maiden, the attraction of it is likely to be great.

We wrote the APPRECIATION, other day in tones of commendation of H. E. the Governor's appreciation of the work of the police in the Yaumati section of the Colony, particularly in regard to the revolver duel with armed robbers. Recently, we read, seven bequests, ranging from £50 to £3,000, were left to various London police homes, funds, etc., in token of their donors' appreciation of the efforts of the police to help

them. One of the gifts was accompanied by the following note—

I do this because I have always admired the unfailing sympathy and tact of the police to both rich and poor alike. Too many take for granted police protection and do not in the least degree realise the debt they owe to these "lidless watchers of the public weal."

THE boy had to write

DESIGNING A short essay on light widow And windows he happened to mention;

But he missed out the "n"— Just a slip of the pen—

Which at once drew the master's attention.

The master said "Windows Much differ from widows; Don't you know that?"—the tone meant to witter.

Quoth the boy with a grin,

"Ay, ye see though the yin, But ye never can see through the other!"

In reading the CELEBRATIONS account of the St. Georges Ball festivities we can find only a few things that smack of England and the English. Firstly Mr. Nicholson's roses and the programme of music submitted by the Surrey Band. The dance programme consisting of 17 items, had in it five dances that were English, assuming that the waltz is an English affair. The rest were one-steps, and two steps and fox-trots, which we believe are distinctly American. The day will come probably when St. Andrew's celebrations will be entirely Scottish and St. George's entirely English or as nearly national as they can be. And they will not be confined to one stuffy crowded night in the year either an insult to the beauties of the Colony and the weather which is being vouchsafed us.

To-day's Poem.

(To-day.)

So here bath been dawning.

Another blue Day;

Think, wilt thou let it

Slip useless away?

Out of Eternity

This new Day is born;

Into Eternity,

At night, will return.

Behold it aforntine

No eye ever did;

So soon it for ever

From all eyes is bid.

Here bath been dawning

Another blue Day;

Think, wilt thou let it

Slip useless away?

CARLYLE.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

JANUARY 10.

1660. I into London (it being

through heat of the sun a

great thaw and dirty) to show

my bills of return, and coming

back drank a pint of wine

at the Star in Cheapside.—

Peppe.

CHARACTER.

A human being without character

is a wet nurse without milk,

a soldier without weapons, a traveller

without money.

—PETRIE (1784-1858).

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised

In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

January 10.—Comet Theatre;

"Are You A Failure?"

January 10.—Star Theatre;

"The Forbidden Fruit."

January 10.—World Theatre;

"The Heart Line."

January 10.—The Grand Theatre;

Jackie Coogan in "Trouble."

January 14.—Theatre Royal,

a School's entertainment, under the

auspices of the Victoria Diocesan

Association, 4.30 p.m.

SOCIAL.

January 12.—Dancing in Palace

Hotel.

January 24.—Fancy Dress Ball at

Park Club, 9.15 p.m.

SPORT.

January 12.—Theatre Royal,

H.K. Boxing Ass'n, 9th tournament

of the season, 9.15 p.m.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

January 11.—Lammet Bros., at

Sales Rooms, miscellaneous goods,

11 a.m.

COMPANY MEETING.

February 1.—One-hundred and

fourth ordinary meeting of share-

holders of the Hongkong-Canton

and Macao Steamboat Co. Ltd., at

the Offices of the Company, Noon.

OTHER MEETINGS.

January 10.—Hongkong Jockey

Club, extraordinary general meet-

ing, in the Board Room of Messrs.

Jardine Matheson & Co., at 5 p.m.

CURRENT COMMENT.**WHAT THE CHINESE PAPERS SAY.****RENTS EXPLOITATION.**

The Hongkong Evening News says:

As the supply of houses cannot

meet the demand, "shoe-money,"

or *sunshaw*, in amounts hitherto

unheard of, are invariably demanded

from prospective tenants for new

houses no matter if they are built

in the central, eastern or western

districts of Hongkong. In some

cases, the *sunshaw* asked for,

equals one month's rent.

As much as \$150 to \$170 rental

per month, in addition to "shoe-

money," is now being demanded

for new Chinese flats in a street in

the central district, or about twice

as much as that charged by hotels.

If the present state continues,

it will be extremely difficult for those

(Chinese) who earn just above \$10

or so a month, with four or five

months to feed, to make ends meet.

CORPORATION SURPLUS QUESTION.

One after another, the foreign

warehouses have gradually left Canton

and interest in the Customs Surplus

question has abated. Negotiations

are still going on between the

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

DEGREE DAY CEREMONY.

HONORARY DEGREES CONFERRED.

A GROWING INSTITUTION.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was, at the thirteenth congregation of the University of Hongkong held yesterday afternoon, conferred upon Mr. Arthur Preecce M.I.E.E., senior partner of the University's honorary consulting engineers in London, and Mr. S. W. Tso, whose deep interest in education and public affairs generally is widely appreciated in Hongkong.

A notable feature of the ceremony was an interesting speech by the retiring Vice-Chancellor (Sir William Brunty) in the course of which he reviewed the progress achieved by the University during the three years he has been in office.

Following tea on the tennis courts, during which the band of East Surreys provided delightful music, the ceremony began at 5 p.m. with an impressive procession of members of the Court, Council, Senate and staff of the University in full regalia. Those who took part in the procession were:

The Chancellor H.E. the Governor (Sir Reginald Stubb K.C. M.G.) the Mace Bearer; Mr. Tso Seen-wan, Mr. Arthur Preecce; the Vice-Chancellor, the Treasurer; Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Registrar; Sir William Rees Davies, H.E. Sir John Fowler; Bishop of Victoria, Hon. Sir Claud Severn, Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, Hon. Mr. C. M. Messer, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, Hon. Mr. A. E. Wood, Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-sun, Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe, Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, Dr. C. W. McKenna, Mr. C. Montague Edge, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Rev. T. Pearce, Mr. G. T. Edkins, Mr. I. Kom-tong, Mr. Chay Siuki, Dr. R. M. Gibson, Mr. H. B. L. Downton, Mr. M. P. Talati, Mr. Mok Kon-sang, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Mr. J. R. Wood, Professor H. G. Earle, Professor W. Brown, Professor F. A. Redmond, Professor G. T. Byrne, Professor C. Y. Wang, Professor R. K. M. Simpson, Professor M. H. Roffey, Professor J. L. Shallard, Professor L. G. Forster, Professor J. Anderson, Dr. G. M. Harston, Dr. C. Forsyth, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Rev. C. B. Shann, Rev. J. Romas Lee, Mr. D. G. H. Thomas, Mr. Lai Hsi-chi, Mr. Au Tai-tin, Dr. J. Fenton, Mr. A. S. Hett.

His Excellency the Chancellor taking his seat and declared the Congregation opened, the University Anthem was played by the Band.

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH.

The Vice-Chancellor then addressed the gathering as follows:—

"Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen:—We have but one loss by death to record during the year just closed. We miss to-day the cheery presence of Mr. Ng Hon-tee, who, I believe, sat on the University Court from the outset and who, at the time of his death, was a member of Your Excellency's Legislative Council. We are glad that his daughter, Miss Ng Sui-ha, is still with us as a medical student.

As I am addressing you from this place for the last time, I imagine that you would prefer me, instead of the usual review of the past year, to attempt some estimate of the progress of the University during the last three years. I shall make the attempt somewhat in the spirit of the disinterested onlooker that in a very few weeks time I shall admittedly be, because no one who has passed so short a time as three years in a University, even in so young a University as is ours, and has never looked forward to spending there a much longer period, can really claim to have been much more than an on-looker.

Re-reading, as I did the other day, what I have said on previous occasions of this kind, perhaps the first thing that struck me was the number of forecasts one could make, even in so short a space of time, that still remain to be fulfilled. I see that, three years ago, I spoke of the immense possibilities of the China which stretches behind the Kowloon hills. For reasons with which a Vice-Chancellor has no concern, those possibilities seem more remote to-day than they did then, but I have not, for that reason, ceased to have faith in them. I asked you on the same occasion to be prepared to re-adjust your ideas as to the number of students likely to resort to your University, and although there has been a steady increase from year to year, I have to confess that the increase has been much less rapid than I anticipated. Yet there, again, my faith in the future is unshaken, and I foresee a time when my successor will be seriously embarrassed by the number of students for whom he has to provide. In this connection, I noticed the other day that Your Excellency, speaking on the Colonial Budget, advocated a considerable relaxation of our rules as to residence. I am as convinced of the value of

our hostel life in binding together students from many different provinces of China, that I should see such a change with the utmost regret, and there are few things for which I should be more grateful to a generous benefactor than an additional hostel. (Applause). But, whatever my personal views, the experiment must be partially tried during the current year, for our entry is not yet closed and all of our hostels are completely full. It is, perhaps, only appropriate that amongst the victims of the experiment—for so I should be inclined to call them—should be included the whole of the Hongkong Government education students for the year, whose names have not yet reached us: if upon reflection Your Excellency should come to doubt the wisdom of the change, I can only hope that Your Excellency's Government may think right to help us with the provision of additional hostel accommodation. (Applause). Again, I ventured to speak of the academic calm which I believed to be the natural atmosphere of a teaching staff. I have wondered sometimes during the past three years whether my meteorological knowledge was as accurate as it might have been; but I should wish here to pay an unqualified tribute to the whole-hearted devotion of the entire staff to the interests of the University and to their excellent teaching work.

Generous Benefactions.

Coming to a year ago, I see that I refused to speak unhelpfully of our recent appeal simply because at that date it had met with no financial response. And there is reason to believe that my hopes will not prove unfounded.

As regards the Faculty of Engineering we are fortunate in having with us to-day an expert in the person of Mr. Fung Ping-shan, (Applause)—\$50,000 of which was to form an addition to our general endowment fund, while \$2,500 was to be available for the purchase of books for our Library. (Renewed Applause). For that gift we cannot thank Mr. Fung Ping-shan too warmly. For, highly respected as is the place he occupies in the Colony, it is one standing rather apart from the things that this University represents, and it is no small encouragement to us to know that we are gaining—or ought to gain—the sympathy of purely Chinese interests. Well, I have no doubt that we shall continue to receive gifts of similar substantial amounts from time to time, but may I recommend the precedent of Mr. Fung's gift to the Library to well-wishers of the University who might like their way to help with smaller sums? (Applause). The Library itself could absorb an unlimited number of such donations, but it is far from being the only direction in which such gifts could be utilized.

Before I leave the subject of our appeal, let me say that I am conscious that when I go on to describe how much we have been able to do that was foreshadowed in that appeal without having received in benefactions, the sums suggested in the appeal as necessary for those purposes, it may occur to some of you that, of set purpose, we exaggerated our real needs. Such is in no way the case. The appeal was put forward as representing a ten year's programme, and I have seen no reason as yet for modifying any of the figures it contained. We have incurred commitments in the future that assume a further response to the appeal, and we have been able to do so because, for the first time, we have a reliable system of accounts and because, as I predicted three years ago, our Finance Committee, once we gained its confidence, has proved ready to take reasonable risks. My own difficulty, indeed, has been that both in Council and in the Finance Committee, I have found myself compelled to assume the ungrateful rôle of *advocatus dubius* and to point out the risks incident to expenditure that everyone welcomed. We already know the result of last year's working, with sufficient accuracy for me to be able to say that its account will balance, but we are committed to expendi-

ture for next year which I fear will render the repetition of a similar result impossible.

Staff Conditions.

I think you are all aware that I have been consistently in favour of devoting any money available primarily to the improvement of the terms of service of your staff. The need for such improvement was indeed, placed in the forefront of our appeal and the reasons for that were then fully stated. My hope has been that that problem at least should be settled before my term of office ended, and it is a matter of extreme satisfaction to me that the receipt of the Charter-bénéfice has rendered possible the adoption of the salary scales I recommended. They are in no way extravagant—far from it—but they will enable my successor to approach selecting bodies in London for new staff without feeling absolutely ashamed of himself. Then we have seen our way to introducing a superannuation scheme on the usual lines and to giving it retroactive effect. And, finally, we have seen our way—at least as our programme when I took over. If I were to claim that there has been anything like a radical new departure during those years, it would be in connection with the closer contact we have succeeded in establishing with British and other educational effort in China. To that I have alluded more than once, and I hope I shall be excused if I speak of it again. I was, last February, privileged to take part for the second time in a Conference of Associated British Chambers of Commerce at Shanghai, and once more the question of British education in China took a most prominent place in the discussions. The problem under discussion was, of course, that of the application of so much of the Boxer Indemnity as may be allocated to education, and the resolutions arrived at seem to me to represent a very serious contribution—the most serious contribution yet made—to the solution of that problem. Let me say that those resolutions recognize in the most generous way the qualifications of this University to take a foremost place in any scheme that may be evolved. (Applause). The doing of these things has meant the most rigid economy in every other direction and, as I have already said, it involves increasing commitments during the next eight or ten years for which provision has yet to be made, but it means that staff questions have been reduced to the level of an ordinary, everyday problem instead of being of burning and dangerous importance.

Work of the Faculties.

As regards the actual work of the Faculties I have very little to add to what I said last year. Our one great, positive advance has been, of course, in the Faculty of Medicine, and with full-time professors of surgery and medicine actually at work you have, for the first time, the nucleus of a medical school organized on modern lines. (Applause). As you know, there have from the beginning of our negotiations with the Rockefeller Foundation been possibilities of a third Chair—that of Obstetrics and Gynaecology—in the background; and I have been authorized by your Court to apply for help in setting up the Chair whenever conditions should justify the application. Our discussions with the Acting Principal Civil Medical Officer as to the facilities available at the Government Civil Hospital have proved so satisfactory that I felt justified a week or two ago in sending in that application. (Applause), and I shall be extremely disappointed if it does not prove successful.

As regards the Faculty of Engineering we are fortunate in having with us to-day an expert in the person of Mr. Arthur Preecce, and I must not unduly anticipate what he may have to say. Should he propose to compare our modest equipment with that of engineering schools in England or in the Dominions, which have behind them the support of large industrial centres, only one answer will be possible. But I am convinced that we are giving a thoroughly sound engineering education and that, thanks to the John Swire and Ho Tung benefactions, our equipment has, during the last three years, been materially improved. (Applause).

Political Science and Law.

In Arts, a temporary shortage of staff during last term gave me the privilege of participating in the teaching work of the University in political science and in commercial law. It happens that political science and law are the two subjects which I mentioned a year ago as subjects that ought to be taught by young Chinese here, rather than in an English University, and my recent experience has only served to confirm me in that view.

Let me add that the object in view would be easily defeated were one content to teach as one would teach in England. Commercial law, I need scarcely say, one of the subjects in the commercial course, and I would venture to express the hope that the creation of that course will prove to have been of real service to the commerce of the Colony. There will, I know, be need at the outset of good-will on the part of the merchant and of good-sense on the part of the raw graduate. There are few academic courses which do not require to be completed by a practical apprenticeship, and apprenticeship is apt to be a disillusioning process. The root of the matter is that, while we do not, and cannot, turn out good clerks, our aim is to turn out men capable of becoming good clerks and, of later on becoming very much more. (Applause). Which has its application in other fields no less than in that of commerce!

Results Lie in Future.

But a University, like ours will finally be judged by the work of its graduates, and there I should like to assure Your Excellency of the satisfaction with which some of us listened last night, to some remarks of yours as to the plan you believed our graduates to be destined to

play in China. Your Excellency referred especially to our doctors and engineers, and I should like to add our schoolmasters, both because it is to them we look for our raw material and because the whole problem is essentially an educational one, only a small part of which can be dealt with in this Colony. (Applause).

For the most part our results will still lie in the future,

but I am more than satisfied with what I already hear of the impression our graduates are creating.

The times are times of rapid change in China, with, too often all

too little to show in the end, but I

am inclined to think that we have

somewhat succeeded in teaching

our men to know how to wait.

They seem to me to be getting a

reputation as well-grounded, re-

liable men, and if I can hear that of

them I do not, for the moment,

want to hear much else.

DAMAGED MAILS.

THE REASON.

With reference to the note appearing in the Mail Notice concerning damaged mails from the United Kingdom and Europe received here ex.s.s. "Japan" and "Sicilia" the Postmaster-General forwards a copy of a letter from the Commander of the R.N. "Teesta" to the Postmaster-General, Penang. This letter accounts for the damage, since the mails that reached Hongkong by the "Japan" and "Sicilia" were conveyed as far as Bombay by the s.s. "Mambua."

The letter reads:—

"I regret to inform you that one boat containing mails numbering 300 bags got badly wet with salt water under the following circumstances: Whilst handling boat alongside vessel for discharge of mails at the cargo port, the boat touched vessel's port propeller and stove in one plank of the boat, which quickly filled with sea water. Every endeavour was made to get the bags out of boat as quickly as possible, by transferring to other cargo boats which were in the vicinity, but I fear many bags were badly soaked. After getting these bags on board they were placed in a suitable place on vessel's boat deck to dry, and during the passage across to Penang bags have been placed on deck when weather has been suitable. There was a rough sea running at the time when mails were being shipped; this probably accounts for the boat touching tip of propeller blade. Vessel's draft at the time was 21 foot."

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Hongkong, 10th January, 1924.

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Hongkong, January 10, 1924.

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A WORLD-WIDE REPUTATION.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1924.

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"KASHMIR"	6,840	9th Feb.	Marsaxlocke, London & Antwerp
"BOUDAN"	6,896	12th Feb.	Spurs, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"MOREA"	10,811	21st Feb.	Phay, Miles, London & Antwerp
"KARMALA"	6,098	26th Mar.	Marsaxlocke, London & Antwerp
"NALDERA"	15,373	22nd Mar.	Spurs, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"SIOLIA"	6,811	28th Mar.	Marsaxlocke, London & Antwerp
"KHEVER"	9,014	5th Apr.	Marsaxlocke, London & Antwerp
"CHINA"	7,934	19th Apr.	Spurs, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"SOUDAN"	6,636	26th Apr.	Marsaxlocke, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,118	3rd May	Marsaxlocke, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,060	17th May	Marsaxlocke, London & Antwerp
"KHIVA"	9,097	25th May	Marsaxlocke, London & Antwerp
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"ST. ALBANS" 4,500 5th Apr. Moji and Kobe.

"BOUDAN" 6,898 8th Apr. Shanghai.

"KHIVA" 9,067 18th Apr. Shihai, Moji & Kobe.

"DELTA" 8,097 2nd May. Shihai, Moji and Kobe.

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—Ngau Mai ... 21 20 28

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Brisket—Chiu Chong ... 36 24 21

Wedge—Chiu Chong ... 36 24 21

Wedge—Ong Sun ... 36 24 21

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

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Boxer Indemnity and Education.
Opinions have recently been published in the press as to the best use of the British share of the Boxer Indemnity when released by the British Government to China. I have no hesitation in saying that the whole sum should be devoted to the education of the Chinese people. (Applause). On this money I feel that the Hongkong University should have a large claim. Any suggestions now made as to the administration of this fund would only provoke controversy and I would not say anything more but that when the fund comes to be administered I trust the Hongkong University will have a big voice in the matter. (Applause).

I should like to say a few words here to my Chinese fellow students as to their future and what is expected of them. The success of the University has been entirely due to the spirit of sacrifice, co-operation, and magnanimity manifested by those gentlemen who took a great interest in China and the Chinese. It was impossible to accept Sir Hormusjee Mody's generous offer without these gentlemen (both European and Chinese alike) coming forward and nobly subscribing to the Endowment Fund. It was impossible to carry on and extend its work of usefulness without the Hongkong Government making an enormous grant of money after the University Commission had made its recommendations; and I trust that by the generosity of gentlemen like Mr. Fung Ping Shan, who has given the generous donations announced to-day by the Vice-Chancellor, the University will go on extending the scope of its work.

Well, gentlemen, you are the recipient of all the benefit of this magnanimity and generosity and the only return you are expected to make is to show to others the same spirit of sacrifice, co-operation and magnanimity as is now shown to you. China is an old country possessing a grand history of the past. (Applause). What great principles and discoveries have been made no one can fully realize. But what of them now? The answer is that they simply died with their discoverer without the principle of such discoveries being made known to others. Sir Benjamin Baker constructed the Forth Bridge, one of the great engineering feats of the world, upon the principle of a Chinese carrying his pole. Be observant therefore and don't despise a thing because it is Chinese.

China now needs modern science to help her in her development and to relieve the sufferings of her teeming millions from famine, flood and disease. In her present state of development she is but a child and you are the blood of that child. If the blood be good and pure the child thrives and develops quickly; otherwise it will stop in its growth.

Selfishness is the canker of such blood. Many a good scheme has been frustrated by selfish ends.

When you are called upon to serve you must keep in view the good you are doing to others. You will have perhaps to make sacrifices in doing that good. The best way to serve one's own country is by enlightening its people and by showing others good personal example.

The Hongkong University now provides you with a sure and sound foundation upon which you will have to build your own edifice. If that edifice be one capable only of supporting one person it can scarcely be said to be a building at all and it is useless, but if it be a large and strong one affording protection to many, then that structure is not only a credit to you, but an honour to your University.

Gentlemen, I wish you and the University every prosperity and success. (Applause).

The Chancellor having declared the congregation closed, the ceremony concluded.

HEUNG SHAN TROUBLE.

TRAFFIC NOW RESUMED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Merchants have resumed business and shops have re-opened their doors in Shek-ki, capital of the Heung-shan district, which adjoins Macao. The launch-lodged trading junk-furries which ply between that port and Hongkong, have resumed their services.

People from the district report considerable losses. Enforced stoppage of harvesting the rice crop, following the recent campaign, has wrought much hardship.

It appears that Ju Chouk-man who was once expelled by the Yunnanese and latterly by Admiral Chan Chak, allegedly on the orders of Dr. Sun for non remittance of funds to Canton, has been reinstated by the Generalissimo who has ordered Admiral Chen's victorious forces to retire back to Kowloon.

YAUMATI AFFAIR.

ARMED ROBBERY SEQUEL.

FOOTBALL AND GUNBOATS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

As the sequel to an affair which occurred at Yaumati on Armistice Day, a Chinese named Chun Wing-kong was presented before the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies) and a jury at the criminal session to-day on several counts which included participation in an armed robbery and firing at the police.

From the brief outline of the facts given by Mr. A. Dyer Ball, in charge of the Crown case, it appeared that at about 6.30 p.m. on November 11 four robbers entered a house at 145 Portland Street, Yaumati, and, locking up two women in a cubicle, stole a quantity of jewellery and money. A man who lived in the house with the women escaped out of the back door as the men came in at the front and he telephoned to the Yaumati police station. Three Chinese police came on the scene shortly afterwards, and as the robbers emerged from the house they called on them to stop. Some of the men pulled out revolvers and there was an exchange of shots, the robbers eventually running away through the crowded streets. The Lukongs lost sight of them and Inspector McWatters and Sergeant Knowles went after them in a motor car. They stopped the car at an open space at the top of Canton Road where there was a light railway and a nullah and while Sgt. Knowles was speaking to a couple of Indian constables he saw a man run across in front of the car. He chased him along the light railway and caught him. As the man was running, Sergeant Knowles saw him make a movement with his left hand and later a revolver was found on the railway line nearby. The revolver was loaded with three rounds in the magazine and one in the breach which had evidently misfired. A singlet upon which there were certain stains was sent for analysis and the Government Analyst had reported that the stains consisted of mineral oil containing traces of iron and nitrate—the sort of stain usually found in the barrel of a recently cleaned firearm.

This man, said Mr. Dyer Ball, was the prisoner, whom one of the Chinese constables had identified as being one of the robbers. In a statement made after his arrest he said: "They opened fire and I ran away. When I ran, I was arrested by the police." Mr. Dyer Ball pointed out that this seemed to show that he knew all about the affair at Portland Street.

The hearing of evidence is proceeding.

SELDOM A LIAR.

LIGHTS AND SHADOWS OF A CHILDREN'S COURT.

HOCKEY.

CLUB v. ARMY XI.

(Contributed.)

KOWLOON, January 9.—Admiral Chan Chak has withdrawn all his troops from Shek-ki, which is now in the hands of Ju Chouk-man's troops, but Ju himself is at Canton. Yeung Kit, the Chairman of the Shek-ki Chamber of Commerce, fled after having sat on the magisterial bench for three days. All Chan's gunboats are now at Pak-kuai Kowloon's port. Chan has in his possession a number of commandered launches which he has promised to release as soon as the owners put in a claim.

The much-defeated general, Wong Ming-tong, has been attacked at Sungting and all his fighting implements have been taken away by the 1st and 3rd divisions.

Mr. Tse Ching-yew, has been transferred from Youngkong to take charge of the Kowloon Telegraph office and improvements have been made. The telephone company at Kowloon and Sun-wui city has charged an extra \$1 per number.

Poohall is very popular at Pak-kuai and Kowloon. A new ground, offered by Admiral Chan Chak, will soon be ready at Pak-kuai. A team from the oil companies here beat the Customs eleven by 5 goals to 1 and Kung Wah Club (young merchants) beat the Kai Chee School by 3 to 1. The Rev. Mr. Broadfoot referred excellently.

CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL

THIS AFTERNOON'S SPORTS.

The Central British School is holding its annual sports this afternoon on the Kowloon Cricket Club's ground. Many parents and others interested in the school were present and the afternoon was made pleasant by the efforts of the East Surrey band which enlivened the proceedings with music.

The officials were:

Judges.—Mr. G. Franklin Nightingale (Headmaster) and Messrs. A. Drausfield, W. Joseph, A. G. McClay, J. McCubbin, W. Reeve, J. P. Robinson, D. W. Salter, H. E. Stevens and C. W. Thompson.

Starters.—Messrs. W. Foulds, T. W. Hall and F. Jenner.

Clerks of the Course.—Messrs. A. W. E. Davidson, D. Morgan, Nicholls and T. W. Rowell.

The House Captains this year are:

Boys.—Nathan House, W. Jenner; Lugard House, C. Evans; May House, G. Bond.

Girls.—Bede House, F. White; Iggy; St. George's House, V. Wheeler; St. Dunstan's House, J. Stewart.

PAROLES SANS CHANT.

(To my Unknown Rose.)

Let me know the reason why
Each passing day we meet, and
every street
No longer tire the feet, but seem so
sweet—

A track 'neath Heaven's sky?

I fare Iris, tell me why
I see you in my dreams, and why it
seems

To me that you are mine, forever

mine—

E'en though the world may lie.

Tell me why a glance from you

Or a serene, sad smile, make life

worth while,

Make me retract my ways from

fallen grace—

E'en fill my eyes with dew.

How is it that thoughts of you

Every day at vespers come and

whisper,

Recall my purest thought, my soul

to God—

E'en urge me live anew?

Tell me why we're similis

And love all of those things, that

knowledge brings,

The landscape of the dawn, the

sunlit morn—

Or music's captured bliss?

Why should I pine for Sunday?

It is not because you'll be, somewhere

near me,

Mine, mine; for once, all mine—

Unknown, divine?

Till then with Tennyson I'll sing—

Thy voice is on the rolling air;

I hear thee where the waters run;

That standest in the rising sun;

And in the setting thou art fair.

—H. M. SILVA.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The A.O.L. s.s. "Bakersfield" which is due at this port on Feb. 3 sailed from Seattle on Dec. 29 on schedule.

The B. F. s.s. "Prometheus" left Liverpool on Dec. 23 for Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here on about Jan. 4.

The B. F. s.s. "Destonians" left

Liverpool on Dec. 28 for Singapore,

Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here

on about Jan. 4.

The B. F. s.s. "Aetona" left Liverpool

on Jan. 8 for Hongkong, Shanghai and

Japan and is due here on or about Feb.

The Club did not have out its full strength, although it put two teams in the field and should do better when some of the better players who were not on the lists yesterday fill the ranks.

For the first eleven the halves again played their usual splendid game although minus Hett, Woodward being the outstanding forward player.

The second eleven was weak in the back line, but should do much better when they get Beecher playing for them next week.

It is hoped that two matches will again be arranged for next Wednesday. Come on members, turn out and see if the H.K.C.C. can't win both games next week.

—STICKS.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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WHERE THEY WILL BE EXAMINED ON
THE 11TH INST. AT 10 A.M. BY SURVEYORS
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BILLS OF LADING WILL BE COUNTERSIGNED
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Hongkong, 6th January, 1924.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"ELLERMAN" LINE

FROM UNITED KINGDOM &
CONTINENT.

THE Steamship

"CITY OF CANTERBURY"
HAVING ARRIVED, CONSIGNEES OF CARGO
ARE INFORMED THAT ALL GOODS ARE BEING
LANDED AT THEIR RISK INTO THE HAZARDOUS
AND/OR EXTRA-HAZARDOUS GODOWNS
OF HOLT'S WHARF, WHOSE DELIVERY MAY BE
OBTAINED.

NO CLAIMS WILL BE ADMITTED AFTER
THE 22ND JANUARY, 1924, OR THEY
WILL NOT BE RECOGNIZED.

ALL BROKEN, CHAFED AND DAMAGED
GOODS TO BE LEFT IN THE GODOWNS,
WHERE THEY WILL BE EXAMINED ON ANY
TUESDAY OR FRIDAY BETWEEN THE
HOURS OF 10.45 A.M. AND NOON, WITHIN
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Hongkong, January 9, 1924.

SECOND NEW CONTEST.

FREE \$50 PRIZE.

CORONET THEATRE'S OFFER,
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CHOOSE YOUR OWN MOVIE FILMS!

This week's voting contest follows the new lines laid down last week. Competitors vote for the twelve best liked movie stars. They do not select from any given list, nor do they limit their choice to pictures shown in Hongkong. With \$50 waiting to be won, this is exciting enough; but the contest again has extra interest because the management of the Coronet Theatre, who are offering the prize again this week, announce that they will follow the voting in securing new pictures. Some one must win the \$50!—Why not you?

RULES FOR THE NEW CONTEST.

This week's contest is entirely different from the ones that have gone before. The new rules are as follows:

Cut out the coupon given below.

Fill in the TWELVE best liked movie stars, male or female.

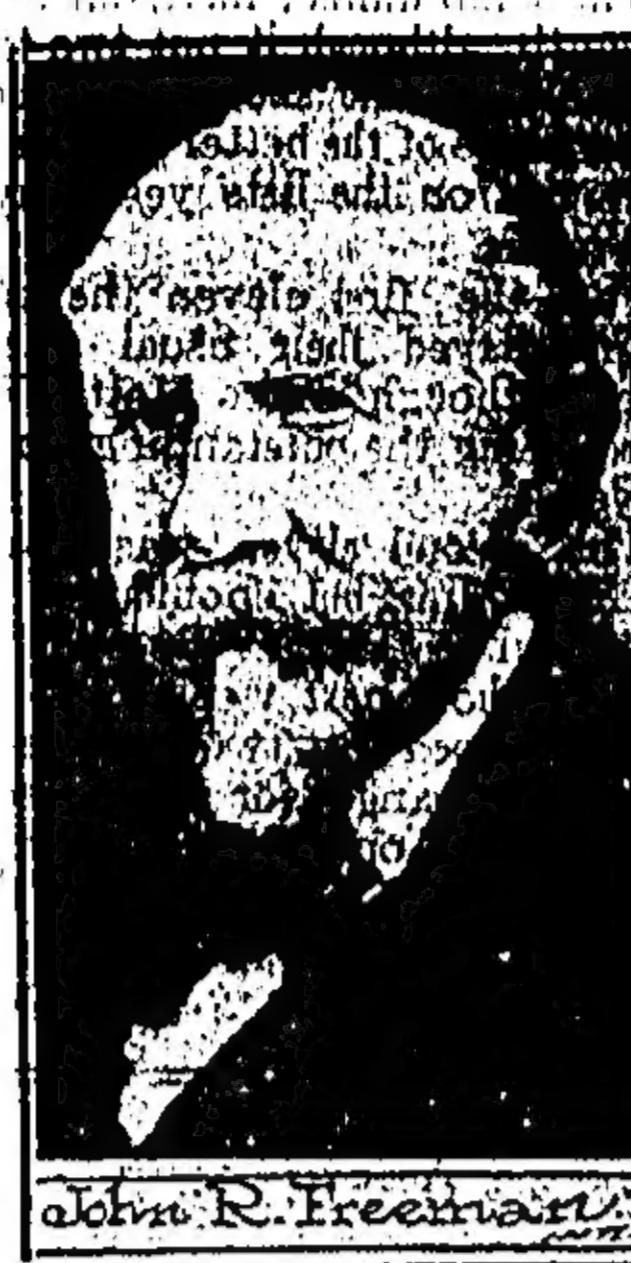
Send the coupon to the China Mail office marked "Vote."

You may send as many coupons as you like.



Miss Ida L. Woolworth.

Miss Ida L. Woolworth has applied to the Federal Civil Service Commission for appointment as Postmaster of the Brooklyn (N.Y.) Division of the Postal Service, and many believe she will be named. Miss Woolworth is a graduate of the Brooklyn Law School, class of 1905, and was the first woman named to the staff of the New York State Corporation Counsel's office. She has had much legal experience and has been an ardent worker for woman's suffrage for many years.



John R. Freeman, of Providence, R.I., was awarded the gold medal of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers for "eminent services to engineering and manufacturing in fire prevention and preservation of property." Mr. Freeman's efforts in the development of a system of rules and inspection have, the society's announcement stated, saved millions of dollars in industry.



Hiram Johnson.

United States Senator Hiram Johnson, of California, has definitely announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the Presidency this year on progressive lines.



Mary Bevan.

Mary Bevan, shown above, did not have to be pretty to get herself before the public. Her face is her fortune. She was heralded and exhibited by the late P. T. Barnum as "The World's Ugliest Woman." She was photographed as she sailed for Europe, after a protracted tour of America.



Getting Ready.



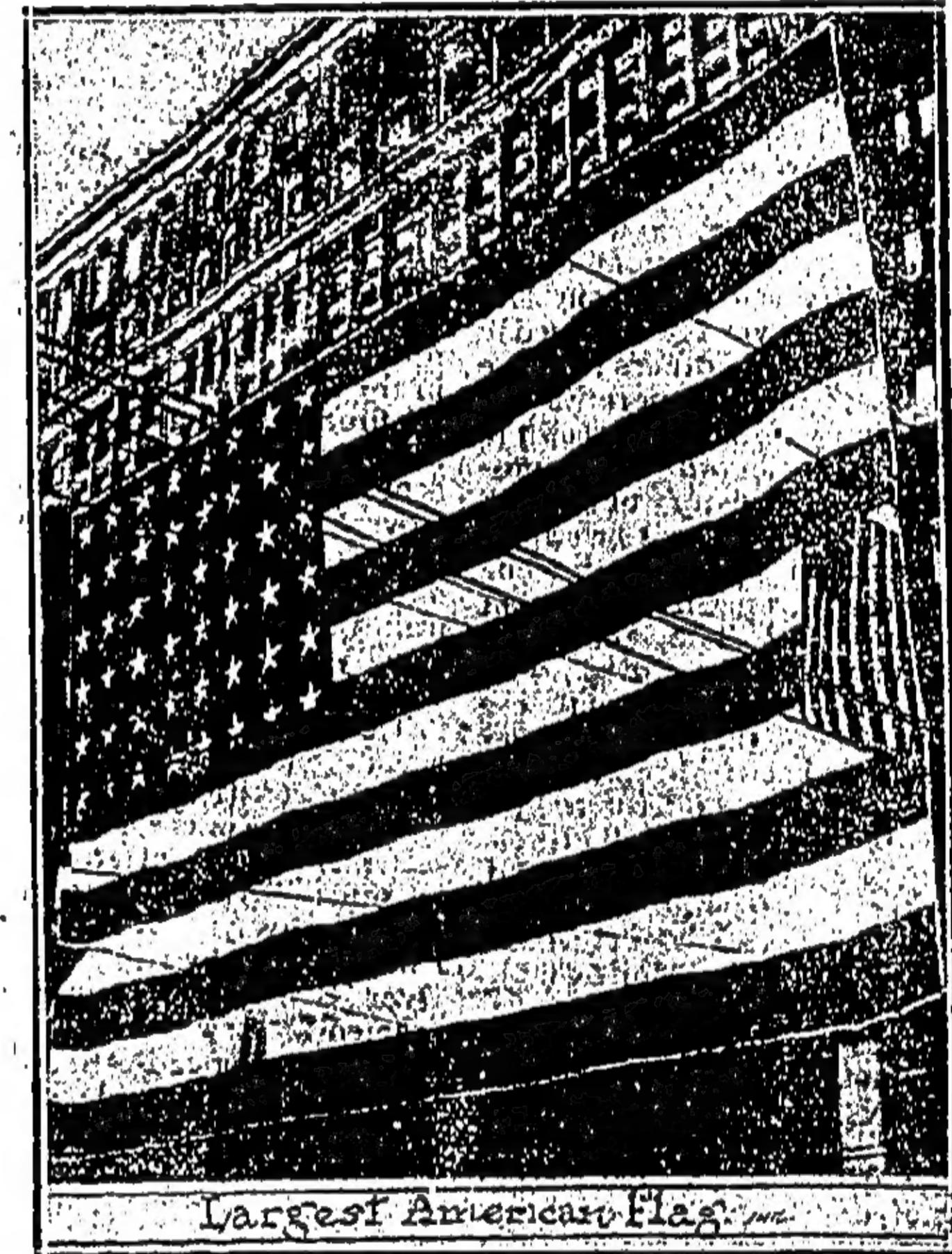
By a royal decree promulgated in Madrid, Count Romanones, President of the Senate and former Premier, has been relieved of the post. His removal was ordered by Dictator Primo Rivera, following his assertion that, under the Constitution, the Cortes must be convoked within 90 days after the dissolution of the old Cortes.



Amelita Galli-Curci, coloratura soprano of the Chicago Opera Company, has severed her connection with that organization. While her contract will hold her there this season she will not renew it. Disagreement over the opera in which she was to make her 1923 debut caused the breach.



From among more than 30 intrepid naval flyers who volunteered for the expedition, Lieutenant Ralph E. Davidson, U.S.N., has been selected to participate in the flight across the North Pole, which is to be attempted by Captain Roald Amundsen, famous Arctic explorer.



Largest American Flag.

The largest American flag in the world has been hung in Detroit, Mich. It is 90 by 150 feet and covers the entire front of the Hudson Building in that city.



McKinley birthplace.

Above is pictured the little home in Niles, Trumbull County, Ohio in which William McKinley, martyred President of the United States, was born in 1843. The simple homestead is a shrine dear to the hearts of Americans and is being carefully preserved.



Eugene V. Debs, national leader of the Socialist Party, and long a chief of the radical element in America, is dangerously ill of a heart ailment at his home in Terre Haute, Ind.



Stanley Baldwin.

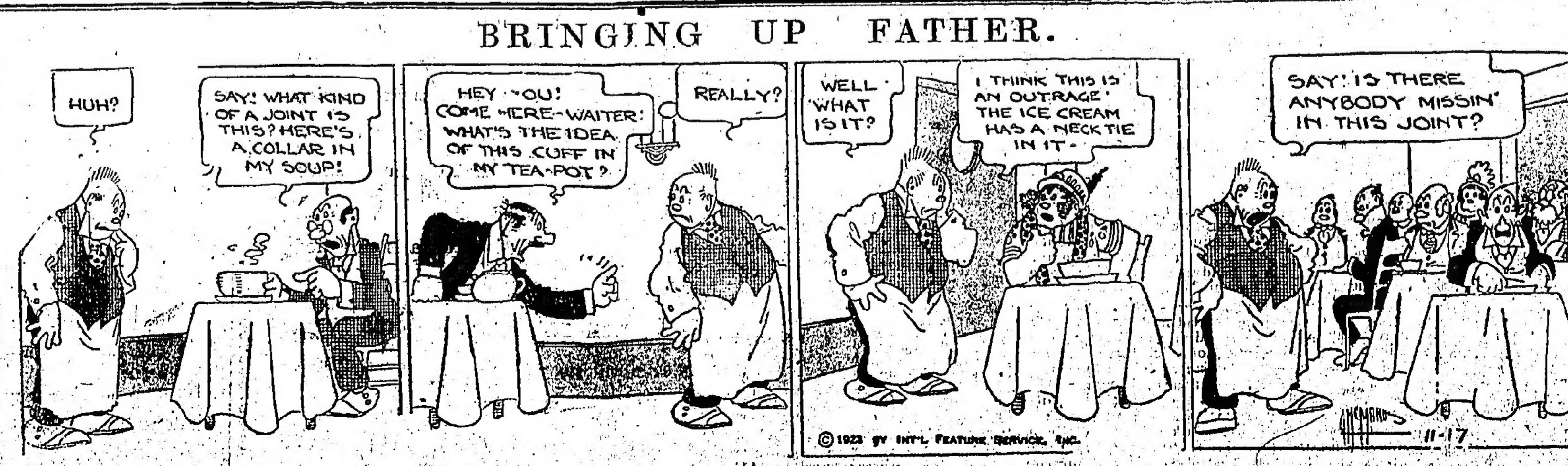
Premier Stanley Baldwin, former Premiers H. H. Asquith and David Lloyd George, both Liberals, but implacable enemies since Lloyd George forced Asquith out of the Prime Minister's post in 1916, have reconciled their differences and joined forces, under Asquith.



Harry Greb and Gene Tunney.

—Harry Greb, of Pittsburgh, and Gene Tunney, of New York, matched to fight a 15-round decision fight for the American light heavyweight championship. The battle took place in Madison Square Garden, New York City, on the night of December 10, with Tex Rickard as promoter.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

"DIXIMIDE" WRECKAGE DISCOVERED.

PARIS, January 8.
Advice from Bizerte state that the despatch boat "Escar," which is searching for the wreckage of the "Diximide," has recovered in the sea a charred body with tattered fragments of a French Naval uniform clinging to the body. A mass of wreckage was also discovered, including a quantity of metallic fabric, seeming to confirm the theory that the airship was blown to pieces by an explosion and buried into the sea.

GERMAN SEAMEN STRIKE.

LONDON, January 8.
The strike of German seamen at Hull to enforce the Maritime Board rate of wages, has extended to London.

The National Seamen's and Firemen's Unions, which are supporting the men, report that a large ship is held up at Victoria Dock owing to the German crew striking for British rates of pay.

LONDON DOCK FIRE.

LONDON, January 8.
Approximately one thousand tons of rubber were burned in the London Dock fire.

DUTCH STEAMER DISABLED.

BRIER, January 8.
The Dutch steamer "Rondo," bound for Batavia, is disabled having broken her propeller shaft. A Dutch tug is towing her in.

UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES.

LONDON, January 8.
Unemployed in Great Britain on December 31 totalled 1,260,000, an increase of 113,000 compared with December 17. The increase is probably due to the discharge of temporary hands employed for Christmas, but these figures show a decrease of 235,778 compared with January 1 last year.

EMPIRE NAVAL CRUISE.

DURBAN, January 9.
The light cruisers participating in the Empire cruise departed on January 5, after a most successful visit.

The battle-cruisers arrived on January 6, departing the same evening.

PRINCE OF WALES IN PARIS.

LONDON, January 8.
H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has departed for Paris on a few days' visit. He is travelling as the Earl of Chester.

TROTSKY'S "POLITICAL" ILLNESS.

HELSINKI, January 8.
Moscow newspapers state that Trotzky has been ordered two months' rest. The news has caused a sensation in Moscow, where it is believed that his illness is partly political.

LABOUR'S PROGRAMME.

LONDON, January 8.
With the exception of the Times and the Morning Post, no morning newspaper devote leading articles to Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's speech.

The Times says that the speech was marked by prudent caution and showed considerable ability. The newspaper notes with satisfaction that Labour Government would be based purely on a domestic programme and would not merely ignore the world-wide interests of the British Empire.

The Morning Post says the main point is that Mr. MacDonald ignored the doctrines familiar to Socialist platforms. The speech was Radicalism of the rank and file type. Socialists are trying to gain office under false pretences in order to secure Liberal votes.

The Daily Telegraph and the Daily Mail in leading articles, warn Liberals of the gravity of their responsibility if they put a Socialist minority in office, the Daily Mail painting a gloomy picture of the consequences if the Socialist rank and file insist, as they have threatened, on pensions for all.

The Daily Express heads the speech: "Mr. MacDonald's Soft Pedal," and says that this is apparently the new Socialist order of the day.

CAPTAIN BRANDT'S BODY RECOVERED.

ICHANG, January 8.
Late information says brigands travelled about the "Tze Sui" from Wanhsien and attacked the ship ten o'clock at night. Captain Brandt's body is reported to have been recovered. The shark's body was not thrown into the river. The Inspector travelling down aboard the steamer "Peking," which met the "Tze Sui," heard of the tragedy and transferred to the "Tze Sui" and took her to Chinkiang.

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PEKING MANDATE.

PEKING, January 9.
An understanding having been reached between Generals Wu Pei-fu and Hsiao Yao-nan, a mandate was issued yesterday appointing the latter concurrently Civil Governor of Hupeh and relieving Admiral Tang Hsiang-ming.

PEKING BOND ISSUE.

PEKING, January 9.
It is reported that the Cabinet has approved of Wang Keh-ming's plan for the issue of \$10,000,000 bonds secured by the Peking Octroi.

According to an unofficial report it has been suggested that the service of these bonds be placed under the Inspector-General of Customs.

KIDNAPPED MISSIONARY RELEASED.

SHANGHAI, January 9.
A letter has been received at Shanghai stating that Dr. S. Schatzki, an American missionary who was captured by bandits on November 21, was released on December 24.

PHILIPPINE DISTURBANCES.

MANILA, January 9.
It is learned that the total number of victims at Surigao is nineteen including a Captain and Lieutenant of constabulary who were slain on January 8.

Governor-General Wood has ordered one hundred constabulary to proceed to Surigao from Manila. He said that the fanatics were nearly one thousand than two thousand.

SHANGHAI, January 9.

Reuter's correspondent at Manila states that 2,000 religious fanatics are terrorizing the Surigao district. They have killed two police and five of the constabulary, whilst they have abducted two school teachers. The constabulary is being reinforced.

A world survey of agriculture is being made at the direction of Henry C. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, it was announced, to keep American farmers informed as to foreign competitive conditions and to indicate what opportunities exist abroad for the sale of American farm products.

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On demand... 5/4-1

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HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London. From the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Shui Tei during the years 1909-19.

The zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet inches to the height given in the table.

January 8 to 14, 1924.

HIGH WATER

LOW WATER

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